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TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ESTC, KU

SUBJECT: EXPORT TRANSACTION CHECKS FOR AMPEX VIDEO EQUIP-
MENT

REF: KUWAIT 3760

1) RE PARA 3 REFTL, COMMERCE DID NOT REQUEST EXPORT
TRANSACTION CHECK FOR VIDEO TAPES TO TELEVISION RECORDING
AND SERVICES CO., SAFAT, KUWAIT, NOR HAS IT REQUESTED ANY
OTHER EXTRANCHECK SINCE EMBASSY'S FAVORABLE 1976 PRE-
LICENSE CHECK ON THIS FIRM. COMMERCE ONLY REQUESTED FROM
EXPORTER STANDARD SUPPORTING DOCUMENT, FORM 629, "STATE-
MENT BY ULTIMATE CONSIGNEE AND PURCHASER", BEFORE
ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE. COMMERCE HAS SINCE GIVEN
AMPEX AUTHORIZATION TO ADD KUWAIT FIRM TO LIST OF APPROVED
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CUSTOMERS OF ITS FOREIGN-BASED WAREHOUSE, THUS PERMITTING
UNLIMITED SHIPMENTS OF AMPEX' ENTIRE INVENTORY OF ITEMS
FOR RESALE WITHIN KUWAIT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AMPEX, IN
ITS USUAL (COMMENDABLE) ZEAL TO PROMOTE SALES, UNWITTINGLY
MISLED EMBASSY IN BELIEVING THAT ANOTHER PRE-LICENSE
CHECK WAS IN THE OFFING.

2) AMPEX AND OTHER BRANDS OF "VIDEO RECORDERS" INCLUDE
SOME HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED VIDEOTAPE RECORDERS, COSTING

\$250,000 EACH, IN ADDITION TO THE SMALL, OF-THE-SHELF,
HOME VIDEO SETS. COMMERCE TOO WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE
SMALL SETS REMOVED FROM EXPORT CONTROL BUT THIS ENTIRE
CATEGORY OF ITEMS IS UNDER INTERNATIONAL (COCOM -- INCLUD-
ING JAPAN) STRATEGIC CONTROLS TO THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
AND THE U.S. HAS TO NEGOTIATE THE CONTINUED SAFEGUARD
OF THE MANUFACTURING DATA (FOR BOTH TYPES) BEFORE
AGREEING TO RELEASE OF THE SMALLER PRODUCT FOR OPEN-ENDED
SHIPMENT. THE SPECIFIC LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR FREE
WORLD DESTINATIONS EXISTS OF COURSE FOR PURPOSE OF HELPING
PREVENT ILLEGAL DIVERSION TO THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND
TO PERMIT SURVEILLANCE OF EXPORTS (FOR FOREIGN POLICY
REASONS) TO CERTAIN SELECTED FREE WORLD COUNTRIES. CHRISTOPHER

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